(a) whether Government are aware that corrupt practices as regards to different type of contracts including rigs, job employment and in other fields are rampant in ERBC Headquarter of ONGC, located at Nazira in Assam and it is alleged that RD of this ERBC is involved in such cases;

(b) whether Government would enquire about all these allegations and take action; and

(c) the action taken so far in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) No complaint having vigilance angle has been received against the present Regional Director of ERBC of ONGC.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Delegation of Powers to Officers of Oil Corporation

1630. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have delegated the powers of Inspector of Weights and Measures under W&M Act to oil corporation officers and police official regarding verifying the correctness of weights and measures department seals, charging of fees, caliberation/recaliberation of dispensing units and putting the seals on dispensing units totalizers;

(b) if not, who is the final authority on this issue;

(c) what action is being taken/proposed to be taken against the officers encroaching these powers;

(d) whether the oil coporation officers are empowered to put fines/penalties on R/o dealers without following the provisions of CPC; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) The totaliser seals, recording the total sales made through a dispensing unit, are not required to be verified or stamped under the W&M Act.

(b) Enforcement Authorities of Weights & Measures in the State.

(c) The Weights & Measures Enforcement Act, 1985 provides penal provisions for impersonation. Whenever any case of such impersonation is detected, action in accordance with the provision of the law is being taken by the State authorities.

(d) and (e) Oil companies officers take action against the dealers under the provisions of Dealership Agreement if any variation is found in product delivery or if seal is tempered with etc.

Revision of Dealers Commission

1631. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had accepted the recommendations of Director Marketing on the subject of revision of RPO Dealers Commission and the orders had been issued and the letters to OCC had issued;

(b) the reasons for delay in implementation;

(c) by when the said orders shall be implemented;

(d) whether the proposed dealers commission is sufficient to cover the expenses being incurred on CoCoR/os; and

(e) if not, what action is being taken to rectify the discrepancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (e) A Committee of Directors (Marketing) of Oil Marketing Companies was constituted in May, 1999. The report of the Committee has been received and is under consideration.

Proposal to Open Petrol/Diesel Outlets in Cyclone Affected Areas of Orissa

1632. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to open any petrol/diesel, kerosene outlets/dealership in the cyclone affected districts in Orissa;

(b) if so, the places selected therefor;